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SUBJECT: TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING APRIL 30: AUSTRALIAN
MEASURES AND EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES

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1. AUSTRALIAN MEASURES: US MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF PARA 2 OF REFTEL AND AUSTRALIANS REPEATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT ON MEASURES BEYOND THOSE CONSIDERED MARCH 24-25 IF REQUESTED. NO OTHER DELEGATION MADE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT AND TRADE COMMITTEE SIMPLY NOTED ORAL REPORT OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE BY TCWP CHAIRMAN. TRADE DIRECTOR POINCILIT NOTED THAT TCWP CAN DECIDE TO CONTINUE CONSULTATION WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE TO TC.

2. EXPORT INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES: US MADE STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF PARA 1 IN REFTEL AND WAS SUPPORTED BY SWEDEN, JAPAN AND (WEAKLY) CANADA. FRANCE (GUYOT), HOWEVER, OBJECTED TO GENERAL EXAMINATION ARGUING THAT SUBJECT OF EXPORT SUBSIDIES UNDER NEGOTIATION IN MTN IN GENEVA AND OECD EXAMINATION WOULD OVERLAP AND MIGHT COMPLICATE MTN WORK. FRENCH ALSO OBJECTED TO PRECEDENT OF MOVING FROM EXAMINATION OF MEASURE TAKEN BY ONE COUNTRY TO EXAMINATION OF SIMILAR MEASURES BEING USED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AND CLAIMED THAT RECOMMENDATION OF TCWP THAT BROADER EXAMINATION OF THESE SCHEMES BE UNDERTAKEN HAD NOT BEEN UNANIMOUS. ITALIAN DEL SUPPORTED FRENCH. EC COMMISSION ALSO BROUGHT UP QUESTION OF OVERLAP WITH MTN AND, WITH FRG, PROPOSED AS MINIMUM THAT TC AWAIT RESULTS OF EC INTERNAL EXAMINATION OF THESE SCHEMES BEFORE TAKING DECISION.

3. IN RESPONSE TO FRENCH ARGUMENTS US NOTED REASON FOR MOVING TO BROADER EXAMINATION WAS FACT THAT, AS BROUGHT OUT IN UK CONSULTATIONS, OTHER COUNTRIES' SCHEMES HAD BEEN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN UK DECISION TO IMPLEMENT ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OWN. FURTHERMORE, WE UNDERSTOOD THERE WERE PRESSURES IN OTHER OECD COUNTRIES TO INSTITUTE SUCH MEASURES. AUSTRALIAN DEL OBJECTED TO USE OF MTN AS EXCUSE FOR NOT TAKING DECISION SINCE HE FELT THIS WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR TRADE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ANY SUBJECT. CHAIRMAN (POINCILIT, HERMES HAVING DEPARTED) PROPOSED

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COMPROMISE UNDER WHICH TC WOULD SIMPLY AGREE TO DATA COLLECTION AT THIS MEETING AND POSTPONE DECISION ON WHAT TO DO WITH DATA. WHILE UK STATED ITS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE FRENCH REPEATED MUCH OF THEIR PREVIOUS STATEMENT AND SAID THEY COULD NOT ACCEPT EVEN A DATA COLLECTION EXERCISE. FRENCH DEL SAID THAT TO BE FAIR, AN EXAMINATION OR DATA COLLECTION EXERCISE SHOULD INCLUDE ALL MEASURES WHICH AFFECT EXPORTS, INCLUDING TAX INCENTIVES. TC AGREED TO KEEP MATTER OF MORE GENERAL EXAMINATION OPEN WHILE ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATION OF TCWP THAT IMPLEMENTATION OF UK SCHEME BE REVIEWED FROM TIME TO TIME.

4. GIVEN INABILITY TO AGREE ON EXAMINATION, TC DID NOT ATTEMPT TO RESOLVE QUESTION OF LOCUS. CANADA SUPPORTED US PREFERENCE FOR TCWP. UK, WITH MILD SWEDISH SUPPORT, CONTINUED TO FAVOR ECG. FOR SAME REASON TC DID NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF SENDING REPORT OF THE UK AND PROPOSED BROADER CONSULTATIONS TO COUNCIL.

5. MISSION COMMENT: THERE APPEARED TO BE A RELATIVE LACK OF INTEREST BY DELS IN AUSTRALIAN SITUATION, ALTHOUGH THIS MAY HAVE BEEN PARTLY DUE TO LATENESS OF HOUR WHEN SUBJECT FINALLY CAME UP. FRENCH CUT POOR FIGURE IN DISCUSSION OF INFLATION INSURANCE SCHEMES, DISOWNING ACQUIESCENCE OF FRENCH DEL TO MARCH 25 TCWP (WHO WAS ALSO IN ROOM) IN RECOMMENDATION OF BROADER EXAMINATION, AND APPEARING OBSTRUCTIONIST WITH RESPECT TO CONSULTATION PROCEDURES FOR SECOND TC MEETING IN ROW. TURNER

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